

REMARKS

Claims 21 and 23 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Accordingly, claims 21-23 are currently pending in the above-identified application.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the priority document.

35 U.S.C. §103

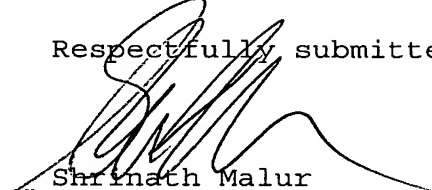
Claims 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' Admission of Prior Art (AAPA). This rejection is traversed as follows.

Claim 21 has been amended to recite that the entire length of a scribe groove is heated in order to generate the tensile stress incorporate the limitation of claim 24. The prior arts fails to disclose linearly heating two areas extending over an entire length of a glass substrate in order to cut it as shown in Figs. 1, 5B and 7. According to Applicants' method, higher productivity can be realized rather than by using a laser moving technique for heating.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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